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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Study Leave Rules.

READ—

Government Order No. 635-85—C. B: 59-24-1, dated 10th September 1924, sanctioning certain rules for the grant of facilities to encourage officers to undertake tours for purposes for study in or outside India.

2. Letter No. 252—Rys., dated 22nd November 1926, from the Comptroller to Government, requesting to be informed if the above rules are applicable to non-gazetted officers also.

ORDER No. 1792-1843—C. B: 109-26-2, DATED 6TH DECEMBER 1926.

Government are pleased to extend the benefits of the Rules referred to above to the non-gazetted officers as well.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Grant of Date Reserve Lands for upset price.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 2378-88—L. R. 92-22-16, dated 23rd November 1922, issuing certain instructions for the disposal of Amrut Mahal Kavals surrendered to the Revenue Department, by grant to the landless classes for upset price, subject to certain conditions.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 204—22-23, dated 29th May 1923, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending that, as in the case of Amrut Mahal Kavals, applicants of the landless and the depressed classes may be granted lands out of date reserves thrown open for cultivation, for suitable upset price, subject to restriction about alienation.

3. Government Order No. R. 4574-82—L. R. 30-24-18, dated 31st January 1925, raising from 5 to 10 years the period within which lands granted under the Government Order of 23rd November 1922 to members of landless classes out of Amrut Mahal Kaval lands should not be alienated by grantees.

4. Correspondence ending with Revenue Commissioner's letter No. Ref. on C. 4275—23-24, dated 5th November 1926, forwarding lists of date reserves surrendered to the Revenue Department.

ORDER NO. R. 3285-94—L. R. 92-22-93, DATED 6TH DECEMBER 1926.

With a view to help the members of the landless classes to acquire land, Government in their Order No. R. 2378-88—L. R. 92-22-16, dated 23rd November 1922, regarding the disposal of lands taken over from the Amrut Mahal Department to the Revenue Department, directed the reservation of certain kavals or portions of them which did not contain valuable tree-growth, for being granted to the landless classes irrespective of the communities to which they might belong. In regard to the lands surrendered by the Excise Department, however, no such reservation was ordered. The Revenue Commissioner in his letter dated 29th May 1923, read above, stated that if Revenue Officers are empowered to grant lands out of surrendered date reserves to applicants belonging to the landless and the depressed classes for suitable upset prices, these lands would be more readily disposed of and actually cultivated and that there would thus be a chance of the deserving poor of the landless and depressed classes getting portions of these lands. Government have considered the matter in all its aspects and agree with the view of the Revenue Commissioner and are pleased to direct that the rules issued in the Government Order of 23rd November 1922 for the grant for upset price of Amrut Mahal Kaval lands to the landless classes be made applicable also to lands thrown open for cultivation out of date reserves.

2. The market value of these lands reserved for grant to the landless classes should be generally fixed by the Sub-Division Officers, who in cases of doubt, should obtain the orders of the Deputy Commissioner. The concessions sanctioned in the Government Order No. R. 4850-8—L. R. 261-22-141, dated 29th March 1924, regarding the grant of lands for half the upset price in special cases and recovery of the price in not more than five instalments and the waiving of the upset price in particular cases, will apply to grants under this order also.

3. As in the case of lands out of Amrut Mahal Kavals, the grantees should agree not to alienate the lands so granted for a period of ten years.

4. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to issue suitable circular instructions to the Deputy Commissioners for the speedy disposal of applications for lands out of surrendered date reserves, by grant to the landless and the depressed classes as above indicated, and by sale by public auction in other cases.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Grants of Land to Depressed Classes.

READ—

Extract of Resolution passed at the Tiptur Taluk Adikarnataka Conference about grant of lands to Adikarnatakas.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. D. Dis. 395—26-27, dated 17th November 1926, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, furnishing his opinion thereon.

ORDER NO. R. 3309-20—L. R. 211-26-3, DATED 7TH DECEMBER 1926.

The concessions prayed for in the Resolution are (1) that lands included in the 'A' and 'B' lists should be granted at half the estimated value, (2) that the value of lands granted should be recovered in ten yearly instalments instead of five instalments as at present, and (3) that the lands so granted should be free of assessment for the first five years and on $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, and full assessment in the next five years.

2. The Revenue Commissioner considers that no action is necessary on the first request, as the existing orders of Government, *viz.*, Government Orders No. R. 4850-8—L. R. 261-22-141, dated 29th March 1924, and No. R. 2239-42—L. R. 94-25-3, dated 6th November 1925, provide for the grant of the concession prayed for.

As regards the second request he is of opinion that a period of ten years would be too long and that the existing concession providing for the recovery of the price in five instalments is enough. In regard to the last request he considers that as the lands to be given are likely to be dry lands requiring more personal labour than the application of any large capital, the grants may be made on the following shraya rates as a further concession to applicants of depressed classes:—

1st year	.. ..	free of assessment
2nd year	.. ..	¼ assessment
3rd year	.. ..	½ do
4th year	.. ..	full do

3. Government agree with the Revenue Commissioner that as regards the grant of lands and the recovery of the value by instalments no change in existing rules is necessary. In regard to the third request, the proposals of the Revenue Commissioner are approved.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Levy of Penalty.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 28-38—L. R. 174-26-2, dated 16th October 1926, issuing rules for the levy of penalty for default in the payment of Land Revenue under Section 154 of the Land Revenue Code.

2. Dewan's concluding remarks at the Representative Assembly of October 1926, in the matter of the levy of the penalty referred to above.

ORDER NO. R. 3395-405—L. R. 174-26-4, DATED 10th DECEMBER 1926.

Government are pleased to direct that until further orders the rules for the levy of the penalty sanctioned in the Government Order read above be not enforced.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIT.

Endowment for opening an Agricultural School.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter, dated 5th October 1926, from Mr. G. Venkataramanaiya, Pleader, Ramakrishna Vilas, Bangalore City, offering an endowment for the opening of an Agricultural School in the Village of Ramakrishnapur, Anekal Taluk.

ORDER NO. D. 4074-80—A. & E. 71-26-7, DATED 9TH DECEMBER 1926.

Mr. Venkataramanaiya has offered to place at the disposal of Government, 233 acres and 4 guntas of land, excluding Minor Inams in the Ramakrishnapur Village, 40 acres of wet, dry and garden lands in the adjoining villages of Kanchinaikanahalli and Kitiganahalli, and a sum of Rs. 7,500 in the form of State Loan Bonds. He prays that Government may be pleased to accept this offer and, out of the proceeds realised from the lands and the cash donation, to open and maintain a free Agricultural School and free Hostel. He also undertakes to contribute Rs. 2,500 towards the construction of necessary school and hostel buildings.

2. His offer is subject to the following conditions:—

(1) That the school is named "Ramakrishna Krishi Sala."

(2) That the institution is managed by a Board of Management on which two seats are reserved—one for Mr. Venkataramanaiya himself and the other for the branch of the Sri Ramakrishna Mission, Bangalore City.

(3) That the training given in the school is free.

(4) That the institution is open to all classes, 35 per cent of the seats being reserved for Brahmin candidates, if forthcoming, and

(5) That, in the event of the school being discontinued by Government, for any reason, the endowment should be handed over to the branch of the Ramakrishna Mission, Bangalore City, for management so as to carry out the same object.